Rise in College fees

2698. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the additional cost for pay revision of teaching and non-teaching staff by UGC and the college authorities' recent increase under various fee heads, would make higher education out of the reach of a majority of the student population in the capital; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to reduce "Pocket pinching raise in college fees" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 23rd June, 1998 so as to give some relief to students from the weaker sections and the reserved categories?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) In December, 1997, the Government laid down norms for meeting aditional requirements on account of revision of pay scales of employees of quasi-government Organisations, statutory bodies, autonomous Organisations etc. set up and funded by the Central Government. As per these norms, 80% of the additional requirement is to be met by the Central Government, and the remaining 20% by the autonomous Organisations concerned through additional generation of revenue as well as savings. In line with these norms, UGC has written to the Central Universities asking them to follow the norms. The Justice Dr. K. Punnayya Committee had, in 1993, recommended that tuition and other fees should be revised upwards and the same may be periodically adjusted keeping in view the rate of inflation. The Committee pointed out that the fees are not being revised for a number of years and suggested that the revised fees should meet a significant part of the recurring cost. The Committee further recommended that the income derived from enhancement of fees should be utilised to augment fellowship and scholarship programmes for ensuring access to weaker sections. The resources generated by the Universities should constitute atleast 15% of the total recurring expenditure at the end of 5 years and atleast 25% at the end of 10 years.

Infrastructural Facilities to Kendriya Vidyalayas

2699. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent in respect of infrastructure for various Kendriya Vidyalayas during the last three years, year-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya, BSF Camp Chhawla, Delhi is being run in the temporary sheds, in the absence of proper facilities/infrastructure;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore and for how many years it is in this condition;

(d) whether these conditions are badly affecting the education there and students and teachers are facing immense problems;

(e) the steps so far taken/proposed to be taken, to provide proper infrastructure/facilities to this school; and

(f) the steps taken to alleviate the problems being faced by teachers/students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) have informed that the amount spent by KVS in respect of infrastructure for various Kendriya Vidyalayas during last three year *viz* 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-1998 is Rs. 64.36 crore, Rs. 39.90 crore and Rs. 79.14 crore respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.